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For : FLAT GASKET FOR A RECIPROCATING ENGINE  
OR A DRIVEN MACHINE  
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### AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2003, kindly amend the  
above-captioned application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the paragraph on page 3, starting on line 3 and ending on  
line 6.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19.

Please amend claims 17, 18 and 20 to 30, without prejudice, as follows:

17. (Amended) A flat gasket for a reciprocating engine or a driven machine  
having a cylinder head, comprising: at least one metal sheet 0.05 to 0.5 mm thick  
which is provided with a coating of an elastomer film at least on sides facing outward in

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